IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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FOR: Integrated Process for Acetic

Acid and Methanol **CONFIRMATION NO. 2929**

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF MARCH 20, 2008

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the office action of March 20, 2008, for which an extension of time is hereby requested, applicant submits the following response. Any unpaid fees required in connection herewith are conditionally authorized to be charged to deposit account 501285 upon which undersigned has authority to draw.

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